



HILL COUNTY

Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes:
September 9, 2019

Call to order: Deidre Reiter-Secretary

Roll call and introductions: Deidre Reiter, Andi Daniel, Sandy Derry, Jake Strissel, Sara Strissel, Ron Kling, Michael Wendland, Amber Spring, Rachel Jamieson, Darlene Sellars, Curtis Smeby, Jasmine Carbajal

Minutes: Minutes from August 12, 2019 were reviewed and approved. Mike Wendland motioned to approve the minutes as written and Jake Strissel seconded the motion to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene reported the balance is \$3,458.20.

Old Business:

- AMDD Report-No report. Currently there is not an AMDD representative reporting to the LAC.
- CSAA Report- Curtis Smeby read the Service Area Authority (SAA)'s Purpose Statement and distributed a brochure detailing what a Behavioral Local Advisory Council is. Deidre Reiter will scan documents and forward to all members.
- NAMI- No Report.
- Media/PR- Rachel Jamieson with the Havre Daily News was present at the LAC Meeting. Rachel will be reporting on the Hill County LAC and plans to continue to attend the monthly meetings.
- Work Groups: (Community/School Engagement, Housing Advocacy, Transportation, Crisis Response Team)
 - **Community/School Engagement**-Jasmine Carbajal reported that YAM: Youth Aware of Mental Health will be presented to Havre High School Freshman.
 - **Housing Advocacy**-No discussion.
 - **Transportation**-No discussion.
 - **Crisis Response Team**-The Committee discussed doing an RFP that is available for additional funding for the LAC.
- Suicide Awareness Committee - September 12, 2019 is the Suicide Awareness Walk. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU-N Campus with the speaker, Mark Cichosz beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the walk following. After the walk will be a short play at the MAT Theater at MSU-N. A panel will also be present for discussion after. Amber Spring will send out the flier once completed. Fundraising will continue throughout the month of September. Hill County LAC Treasurer reimbursed Amber Spring \$1,325.82 for the cost of the T-Shirts and printing. There were 150 t-shirts printed. The Suicide Awareness Committee changed its name to the Suicide Awareness Coalition. Amber Spring established an account with the MSU-N Foundation for the Suicide Awareness Coalition to keep donations separate for suicide awareness events.
- Electronic Connect is not up and running yet.

New Business:

- Amber Spring made the motion to make the October LAC meeting a longer working meeting from 11:30-1:30 to discuss the LAC's goals and strategic plan. Andi seconded the motion. All members present agreed. Members are to come up with goals and ideas to contribute towards a Strategic Plan.
- With the resignation of Jason Evans as the Chair of the Hill County LAC, Amber Spring made a motion to nominate Andi Daniel as the Chair. Darlene Sellars seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. Andi Daniel will take on the Chair position for the LAC.
- Mental Health First Aid is on September 20, 2019 at BCHC. There is a minimum of 5 and maximum of 30 participants.

- Amber Spring recommended that members read the Self Care/Community Care article that was shared to the LAC's Facebook Page.

Adjournment: Sandy Derry motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2019 at 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Bullhook Community Health Center